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For: SKI BINDING ADJUSTABLE FOR IMPROVED BALANCE

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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In order to insure compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed is form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) and a copy of the foreign patent reference listed therein.

Applicant has not found any English corresponding patent documents to the cited German patent document 2,064,754. Neither has Applicant obtained or have a translation thereof. Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings thereof show a boot bound to a plate whose forward end is pivoted or the like to a ski. A member 14 on the ski has serrations which are engaged by projecting member 12 which emanates from heel binding 7 to adjust the height of the heel of the boot. In an alternative embodiment shown in Figs. 3 and 4 thereof, the serrations are located on a member 21

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incorporated in the boot heel and the projecting member emanates from a vertical portion of the plate to which the boot is attached.

This German patent document does not show a plurality of facing serrations on a member extensible from the heel end portion for engaging complementary ones of serrations on a member extendible from the ski, as claimed in claim 1. Neither are the structures of the other pending claims shown. It is therefore respectfully submitted that each of the claims is patentable over this reference.

Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report published September 15, 2005. Each U.S. patent cited therein is contained either in this Second Information Disclosure Statement or in the previous Information Disclosure Statement contained in the Preliminary Amendment submitted with the Request for Entering the National Stage. Each of the U.S. patents cited in this Second Information Disclosure Statement is cited in the International Search Report.

This Second Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first office action on the merits. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), it is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered during examination of the above-identified application.

The search report states that U.S. patents 4,135,736 to Druss and 4,586,727 to Andrieu et al are documents which when combined render claims 1 to 6 obvious. Druss is discussed in the specification in the paragraph which spans pages 1 and 2. Although Andrieu et al discloses a pair of serrated members which adjustably engage on a ski, neither of the serrated members is disclosed as being attached to a ski boot, as provided by the present invention, and such a structure of Andrieu et al is not directed to height adjustability of the heel end of a ski boot,

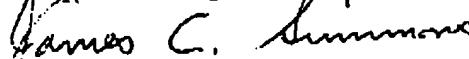
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as also provided by the present invention. While Druss serves a different purpose of taking up play between the boot and ski, the Andrieu et al device also has a different purpose of serving as a support for the standardized smooth zone of the ski-boot sole in order to limit parasitic friction forces and in order to prevent these friction forces from disturbing the operation of the ski binding. See the second paragraph in the Andrieu et al specification. Thus, neither Druss or Andrieu et al is directed to a structure for the height adjustability of the heel end portion of a ski boot, as contemplated by the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that, in accord with the above comments, the claims, as amended, are unobvious over the references of record and therefore patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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